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Ottawa teen's family raising money to send body to Kenya

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The family of 17-year-old shooting victim Leslie Mwakio is raising funds to send his body back home to Kenya.

Mwakio's family is originally from Kenya, and they had plans to return to the country before their son's death. With a majority of family living there and plans to immigrate, the family wants to bury their son in their hometown.

"They want him to be back there with family," said Andrew MacDonald, a family friend who was once a mentor to Mwakio through the Big Brothers program of Ottawa.

"They're in desperate need to find out what funding is available to send his body back," he said.

Mwakio was fatally shot inside an SUV on Tuesday night in Hintonburg, near Bayswater Avenue and Laurel Street. The teenager's death was the 20th homicide this year, a record-high amount of violence in the city.

Returning Mwakio to Kenya will be expensive, so MacDonald consulted with the family to launch a Kickstarter campaign with a goal of $10,000. The family will need to raise that sum before December 25.

MacDonald was Mwakio's "big brother" for five years until 2012. He was occasionally in touch with the family afterwards and reached out to help after hearing of his death.

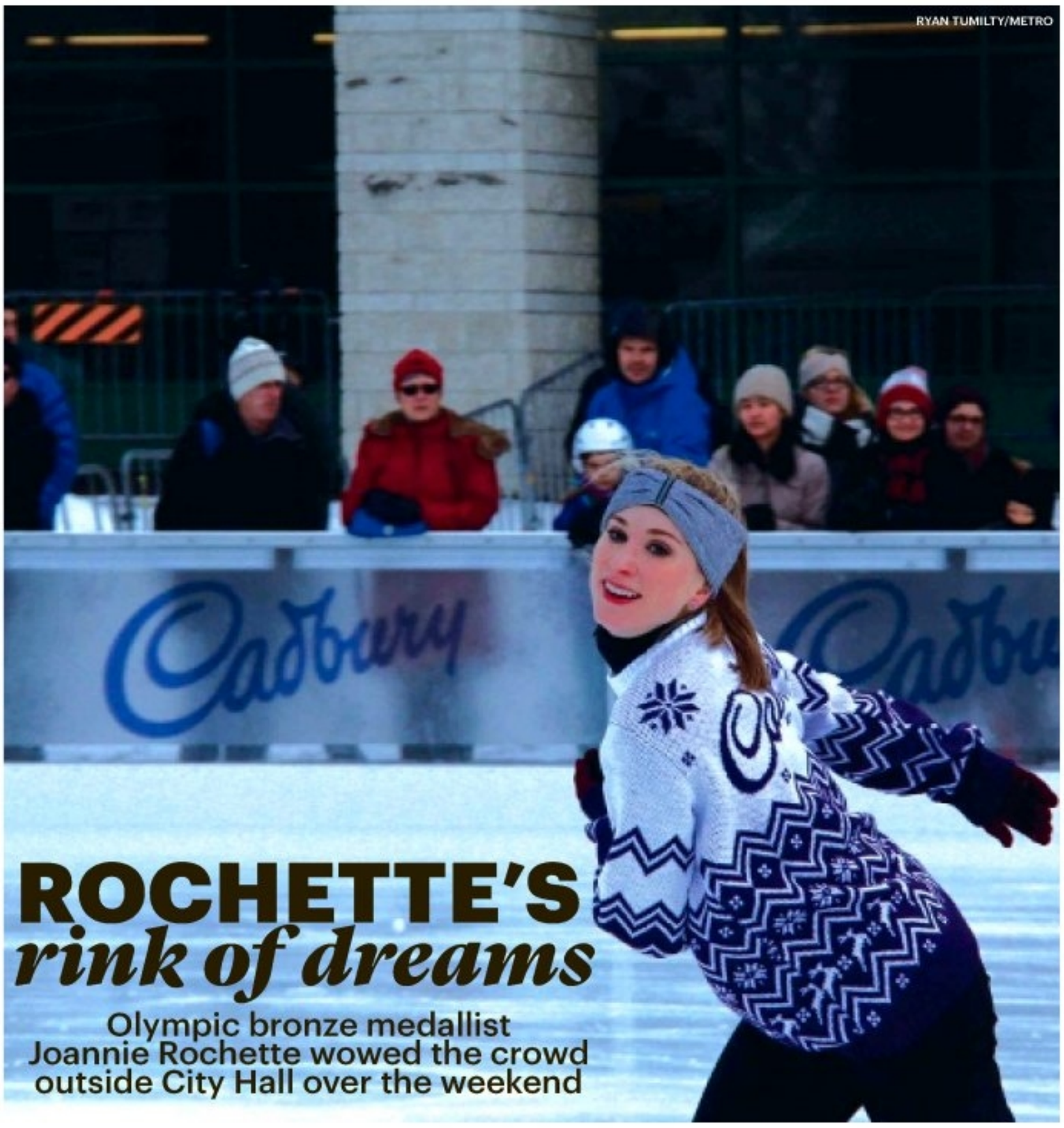
He described Mwakio as a "charming, smart young man."

In the five years they got to know each other, Mwakio was always helpful and friendly on their outings. Sometimes he would watch MacDonald's dog.

When the Big Brothers program gave them tickets to see a hockey game, Mwakio was full of knowledge akin to a hockey "statistician."

"He knew 20 times more about the game and the players than I did," said MacDonald.

Leslie was Phillipina Mwakio's only son. She told media earlier in the week that the family had plans to return to Africa and is mourning the loss.



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ROCHETTE'S *rink of dreams*

Olympic bronze medallist Joannie Rochette wowed the crowd outside City Hall over the weekend

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Tory leadership candidate Chris Alexander tells rally he won't 'fold to a bunch of politically correct people.'

POLICE

Two killed over the weekend

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa police have issued a Canada-wide warrant for a man accused in a Saturday afternoon shooting that left one man dead.

Ottawa Police have charged Steven Micheal Frenetter, 33, with first-degree murder in connection to the death of Lee John Joseph Germain at a McLeod Street home on Saturday.

Police were called to that home at around 4 p.m. on Saturday and fund Germain dead.

Anyone with information on Frenette is being asked to contact police, but he is considered armed and dangerous so police are warning against having anyone approach him and instead ask people to call 911.

Germain's death was one of two homicides this weekend, bringing Ottawa's total for the year to a near record 22 deaths.

Police were called at about 2:45 a.m. to Prince of Wales Drive and Meadowlands where a man had died of stab wounds.

Police identified Abdullah Al-Tutunji, 20, as the victim in that case and said they have one person in custody, but as of yet no charges have been laid.

Police chief Charles Bordeleau said there had been too much violence in 2016.

"Another two senseless deaths this weekend Ottawa Police members hard at work holding those accountable," he said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact police at 613-236-1222 ext. 5493.

Syrian refugee children play with playdough during a playgroup organized by Ottawa Community Health Centres to provide early childhood education development services on March 9 in Ottawa. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Month 13' nearing for Syrian refugees

IMMIGRATION

Families who fled war to lose private, federal support

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

Refugee resettlement liaison Coun. Michael Qaqish says Ottawa is preparing for 'Month 13' when a large number of Syrian refugees will stop receiving federal government cheques and support from private sponsorship groups.

"It's going to be challenging for some of them in the first little while but we're hoping that everyone can stay in their homes and the transition is smooth," said Qaqish.

"We're working to ensure that will happen and staff are prepared to start processing documents if there is a surge, but again we're not expecting anything to be out of control," he said.

Many of the adult Syrian newcomers will be faced with the reality of choosing between quitting English classes, working or living off provincial welfare.

> **It's going to be challenging for some of them.**
> Coun. Michael Qaqish

Adult single refugees supported by the government receive $822 a month but their income will fall to $706 on Ontario Works. That could be difficult for families trying to find a foothold in the job market while paying for rent and groceries in Ottawa.

Qaqish said support organizations are still welcoming money and furniture donations. The Ottawa food bank has also reported an increased demands this year and are asking residents for help.

Around 10 per cent of Ottawa's share of refugees are privately sponsored, while 90 per cent are government funded, said Qaqish.

"We generally see more challenges in language and education with (government funded refugees)," he said. "Some have found jobs but some are still in language training before they can do that."

"It's not unusual of course. Like many newcomers in the past we can't expect people to learn a language and find a job in 12 months. We're asking a lot," he said.

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INDIGENOUS

Band lays claim to downtown

A Quebec First Nation has filed a lawsuit seeking aboriginal title over much of downtown Ottawa, including Parliament Hill.

"The Algonquin Anishinabe Nation has never surrendered its title to the Kichi Sibi lands," says the band's statement of claim filed Wednesday in Ontario's Superior Court.

The claim includes islands in the Ottawa River, as well as a long portion of its south bank that includes Parliament, the Supreme Court, the National Library and the Canadian War Museum. It stretches southwest along the river to include LeBreton Flats, federally owned land that is the proposed site for major new developments that could include a new hockey arena for the Ottawa Senators.

That proposed development is a key reason why the lawsuit has been filed now, said Eamon Murphy, lawyer for the Anishinabe.

"These LeBreton lands, for the very first time in well over a hundred years, are vacant. (The band is) looking at them and saying these lands have been occupied for a very long time — it's now time that our title's dealt with before the next project happens and the lands are sold off again."

The band argues that the Anishinabe once used the land for fishing, hunting, farming and camping. It maintains the band not only used those lands, but controlled who had access to them. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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PUBLIC SERVANTS

Union reaches tentative contract

The union representing public servants has reached a tentative contract that it says gives federal scientists the right to share their research with the media without first being designated official spokespeople.

The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada says it has reached tentative agreements involving more than 18,000 public servants.

The union prioritized a provision that allows scientists to speak about their research after allegations that the former Conservative government "muzzled" scientists amid vast funding cuts.

The Professional Institute of the Public Service of Canada represents some 55,000 scientists, Information Technology experts, auditors and other public service professionals, most of whom work for the federal government.

The union, which represents 55,000 scientists, IT experts, and auditors, says its last contract expired in 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SNOW INBOUND

Environment Canada issues warning for Monday

Monday morning's commute will likely be unpleasant.

Environment Canada issues a special weather statement for Ottawa on Sunday, warning that snow expected to start Sunday evening would become heavy overnight leaving about 10 to 15 centimetres on the road by Monday afternoon. The City of Ottawa says that plows and sanding trucks will be ready for the storm. METRO

Bylaw sidelines hockey rink built in green space

LIABILITY

Homeowners asked to close skating area in Riverside South

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

The owners of a backyard hockey rink in Riverside South have been asked by Ottawa bylaw to put their yearly tradition on ice.

Homeowner Nicole Meekin said the bylaw officer who came to her door last week was apologetic, but explained that someone called in with a complaint and the rink would need to be removed by Monday.

The space is not private property — instead it's a landlocked green space owned by the City of Ottawa.

The row of houses has backyards, which back up on a forest. A large green space separates the six houses from the trees.

For years the families bordering the space have maintained the area, using it for gardens, running dogs and play structures.

> **We strongly encourage residents not to build on property that is not theirs. That said, the rink is up.** Coun. Michael Qaqish

For the past three years the Meekins have made a tradition of putting up wooden boards and icing a 60-foot rectangle for hockey practice.

"Because it's such a private space, it's just used by the families," said Meekin. "It's just something that brings a lot of joy to kids."

"There are city-run rinks nearby, but they're too far for my kids to go on their own when they can step out the door. My son is out there in the winter every night," she said.

"It's (used) by neighbours kids, everyone is out there. We're absolutely inclusive."

Coun. Michael Qaqish said even if the area is isolated, the city can't allow the rink to continue because of liability and access issues.

Because it's so close to the winter season, he's asked an exception to be made for the year.

"We strongly encourage residents not to build on property that is not theirs," said Qaqish.

"That said, the rink is up, I've asked bylaw to take a look at it and apply a common sense approach. I've asked staff to explore keeping it up for at least a season."

City councillor Michael Qaqish says there are liability and access issues around the backyard rink, but he's asked city staff to explore keeping it open for at least a season. CONTRIBUTED

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Kanata poppy donations down by over $12,000

VETERANS

Costco limited time to collect in the store to four days

Jessica Cuhna
For Metro | Ottawa

Poppy donations to the Kanata Legion were down by $12,600 this year and that means cutbacks for the groups and recipients of the proceeds.

Costco headquarters limited the number of days legions could collect donations before Remembrance Day to four days this year — Nov. 5 and 6, and Nov. 9 and 10. That limit led to the reduction in fundraising, said Moira Green, poppy and remembrance chair at the Kanata Legion.

"I hoped it wouldn't be that much, but it's approximately $1,000 a day that we lost out of those 14 days, which is a lot of money," said Green. "This is nationwide. It's not just us here in Kanata, it's Costcos everywhere."

The poppy campaign began Oct. 28 and ran to Nov. 10.

An official with Costco was contacted 24 hours prior to press time, but did not return a request for comment.

Donations received at the Kanata Costco totalled approximately $4,500 this year, said Green. In contrast, about $15,000 in donations was raised at Costco in 2015 during the 13-day poppy campaign.

"Our committee will have to sit down and go through all our donor recipients and decide where we're going to have to cut back," said Green.

The legion collected $72,400 in total through the 2016 poppy campaign. Last year, it brought in $85,000 in donations.

"A change in policy makes it difficult at times," said Maxwell. "Access was provided (by Costco) during very busy times and they have so many demands for so many charities. One of the ones they strongly support is the (poppy) campaign."

Green said a corporate initiative to limit campaign days has never happened before that she's aware of, adding that local legions weren't given a reason for the change in Costco policy.

"If we have people start to say no and this increases — and that's why Costco is one of my big concerns — then we're dead in the water. Without public support we have nothing," said Green. "Our poppy campaign is probably the biggest thing we do all year for our community and our veterans, and there are lots out there — old and new — that we need to be helping."

Members of the crowd lay their poppies on wreaths at the Kanata Cenotaph. JESSICA CUHNA/METROLAND MEDIA

BUSINESS

Bank Street overhaul

Business owners worry the proposed redesign of Bank Street between Riverside Drive and Ledbury Avenue is an attempt to import the Glebe's model of bistros, boutiques and cafés farther south, where there are car dealerships, mechanic garages, plazas and large grocery stores.

"Fundamentally, what they're doing is they're trying to change the nature of businesses (along) Bank Street south, something that's more Glebe-ish," said Nikki Dignard, whose husband owns a family dentistry practice on Bank, between Heron Road and Alta Vista Drive.

"How many Glebes do you need?" Dignard said during a public consultation meeting at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre Dec. 6.

The presentation offered a first look at the multi-stage reconstruction project, which is expected to begin in 2018 and take an estimated five years to complete.

As an arterial main street, Bank carries a lot of traffic, though. In the future a slight reduction is expected when the Trillium O-Train light-rail transit line is expanded south, said Patrick Hill, project manager with consulting firm MMM Group.

"But we also wanted to have that Main Street feel of businesses and an active place for people and cyclists," he said, referring to the transformation of Main Street in Old Ottawa South into the city's first complete street.

Fears over loss of business during construction prompted Dignard to ask if the city would compensate those that suffer financially as a result.

Provincial legislation prevents this, said Capital Coun. David Chernushenko, though the city can defer tax payments for a period of time.

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School won't teach immigrants' kids

EDUCATION

Children had to leave, despite being Canadian citizens

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Two children were barred from enrolling in elementary school. DAVID P. BALL/METRO

"Where kids reach for the stars."

That's the motto emblazoned above the entrance of North Otter Elementary School, surrounded by snow-glistening fields in Langley, B.C. east of Vancouver.

But for a five- and seven-year-old living just minutes away, that motto appears not to apply.

Despite the fact that both the five- and seven-year old were born in Canada — and are therefore Canadian citizens — the local school district won't let them enrol because of their Mexican parents' paperwork troubles.

The federal government offered the mother and children visitor visas so they could enrol by a Sept. 30 deadline, while their father continues his paperwork in Mexico to resume his 10-year employment at Hastings Racecourse.

"I sent all the papers, I never lied. They asked me for my status, and I sent my visa," explained their mother, a 30-year-old optometry student from Mexico City, whom Metro agreed not identify because of their precarious immigration process. "They were really excited to be at school — the principal was so nice and took to kids to their classrooms. But after only a couple hours, they called and told us to pick them up: 'Your kids cannot be here.'"

It turned out they were neither registered for classes, nor covered by the school's insurance, a staffer explained.

"They asked us, 'Mom, why are you picking us up early?" she recalled, sobbing apologetically.

According to a provincial Ministry of Education — which couldn't discuss "details" — "eligibility for free public education is based on residence rather than citizenship or immigration status," said a spokesman.

The problem lies in the B.C. School Act's wording that what is required is parents be "ordinarily resident" of the province. But although individual school districts fall under provincial jurisdiction, each determines its own enrolment policies.

Langley School District did not respond to Metro's request for comment. But the province needs to clarify and standardize its registration rules, argued advocates with Sanctuary Health. Alejandra Lopez Bravo said the issue is much larger than this one family in Langley.

METRO TEMPERATURE CHECK

Winter is here, and if there's anything that unites us as Canadians, it's our shared joys and sorrows brought on by the cold, white, fluffy stuff. If you think you're having a bad winter right now, just remember this: You're not alone. Here is a round up of winter weather across other Metro cities on Sunday. Toronto, Calgary, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver are relishing their snow days, while Halifax and Ottawa are expecting snowfall on Monday. METRO

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MONEY

Minister vows long-term funding for child-care fees

A new study suggests that the cost of child-care fees in some of Canada's biggest cities has skyrocketed over the last three years, rising an average of more than twice the rate of inflation over the same time period.

In a study to be released Monday, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives says the average monthly cost for full-time child care has gone up by more than eight per cent across the country over the last three years.

Much of that is the result of Quebec's decision to introduce a sliding scale for fees based on income in 2015, which saw average prices jump by 18 per cent, but still remain by far the lowest in the country.

Taking Quebec out of the equation, costs across the country have increased by more than six per cent, more than double the average rate of inflation of 2.5 per cent over that time, the study shows.

What accounts for the increase in fees outpacing the cost of living has baffled researchers who have looked at the issue for years.

Martha Friendly, executive director of the Childcare Resource and Research Unit, says bringing down the cost of child care in the rest of Canada would mean either cutting costs and staff or increasing government funding.

"There's no other way to reduce the cost of child care," said Friendly, who co-authored the study.

"One of the things that's absolutely clear from everything we know is that there has to be more government money because market costs for child care do not work for families. They can't afford them."

The 2016 federal budget earmarked $400 million next year for the child care framework, a carrot the Liberals dangled to convince provinces and territories to sign on to the plan.

In a recent interview, Social Development Minister Jean-Yves Duclos told The Canadian Press that the Liberals plan to make a long-term funding commitment in the 2017 budget to help provinces expand their child care systems.

The study says families can end up paying more than $12,000 a year in some cities for a single child in daycare.

Fee subsidies for low-income families offset some but not all of the cost. The study found out-of-pocket fees can range from $90 in Ontario up to almost $500 in Saskatoon and Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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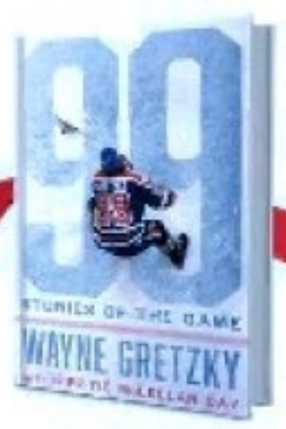

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Trump shuns briefings on intelligence

POLITICS

President-elect also said Russian hacking claims are 'ridiculous'

Donald Trump on Sunday called a recent CIA assessment of Russian hacking "ridiculous" and says he's not interested in getting daily intelligence briefings — an unprecedented public dismissal by a president-elect of the nation's massive and sophisticated intelligence apparatus.

Trump's remarks come as key congressional Republicans joined Democrats in demanding a bipartisan investigation into the Kremlin's activities and questioned consideration of Exxon Mobil CEO Rex Tillerson - who has close business ties with Moscow — as head of the State Department.

Asked whether he's rejecting valuable intelligence on Fox News Sunday, Trump was defiant.

"I get it when I need it," he said of the top-secret briefings sessions, adding that he's leaving it up to the briefers to decide when a development represents a "change" big enough to notify him.

"I'm, like, a smart person. I don't have to be told the same thing in the same words every single day for the next eight years," Trump said.

The CIA has concluded with "high confidence" that Russia sought to influence the U.S. election on behalf of Trump. The finding alarmed lawmakers, including Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain who said Sunday he planned to put Sen. Lindsay Graham, a staunch Trump critic, in charge of investigating the claim.

McCain also has questions about Tillerson's business relationship with Russian President Vladimir Putin, although it's not clear Tillerson will be nominated. Sunday afternoon, Tillerson had still not been formally offered the job, according to a person with knowledge of the process who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Exxon steadily expanded its Russian business on Tillerson's watch even as its rivals faced expropriation and regulatory obstacles. In 2013, Putin bestowed the Order of Friendship on Tillerson.

"Maybe those ties are strictly commercial and got to do with his business in the oil business. Fine," McCain told CBS "Face the Nation." And "we'll give him a fair hearing. But is it a matter of concern? Certainly it should be a matter of concern."

"Being a 'friend of Vladimir' is not an attribute I am hoping for from a #SecretaryOfState," tweeted Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, Trump's former campaign rival and a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Pennsylvania Democratic Sen. Bob Casey said the developments "raise serious questions about whether the incoming administration will adequately stand up to Russia's aggression."

Trump said Tillerson's relationship with Moscow was a selling point.

Later Sunday, he Trump tweeted: "Whether I choose him or not for 'State'- Rex Tillerson, the Chairman & CEO of ExxonMobil, is a world class player and dealmaker. Stay tuned!"

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ATTACKS A DAY OF MOURNING People carry the coffins of bomb victims during a memorial on Sunday for police officers killed outside the Besiktas football club stadium Vodafone Arena in Istanbul, Turkey. Family members, Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, ministers and colleagues attended the memorial as Turkey declared a national day of mourning after twin blasts on Saturday killed dozens of people and wounded many others near a soccer stadium. Turkish authorities have banned distribution of images relating to the Istanbul explosions within Turkey. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Italy's foreign minister tapped to be premier

Italian Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni was tapped Sunday to form a new government and end a political crisis so the country can tackle pressing problems. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bill English chosen as New Zealand's PM

The conservative caucus in New Zealand has chosen Bill English to be the next prime minister. English emerged victorious following a meeting of the National Party caucus. He is to be officially sworn in on Monday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EGYPT

Cathedral bombing kills dozens

A bombing at a chapel adjacent to Egypt's main Coptic Christian cathedral killed 25 people and wounded another 49 during Sunday Mass, one of the deadliest attacks carried out against the religious minority in recent memory and a grim reminder of Egypt's difficult struggle to restore security and stability after nearly six years of turmoil.

The attack came two days after a bomb elsewhere in Cairo killed six policemen, an assault claimed by a shadowy group that authorities say is linked to the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood. That group — called "Hasm," or "Decisiveness" — distanced itself from the attack in a statement issued Sunday night, saying it does not as a principle kill women, children, the elderly or worshippers.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for Sunday's attack. However, Daesh targeted Christians in the past, including a New Year's Day bombing at a church in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria in 2011 that killed at least 21 people. More recently, churches and Christian property in southern Egypt were targeted in the aftermath of the military's July 2013 ouster of an Islamist president. Those were blamed on Brotherhood supporters and ultraorthodox Salafi Muslims.

Regardless of who is behind the bombing, the attack was likely to deal a setback to Egypt's struggle to regain normalcy and revive its ailing economy. Moreover, the attacks this past week were almost certain to undermine the modest recovery made in recent months by the vital tourism sector.

Egyptian state TV and the Health Ministry put the casualty toll at 25 dead and 49 wounded.

The blast took place as a Sunday Mass in the chapel was about to end and coincided with a national holiday in Egypt marking the birth of Islam's Prophet Muhammad. Most of the victims are thought to be women and children. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Winter retailers' joy on ice

WEATHER

Stores not yet celebrating the return of snow, cold temps

A year after warm weather curtailed their Christmas cheer, Canadian winter sport vehicle and apparel retailers aren't ready to pop the champagne despite a forecasted return to seasonally cold temperatures.

Following two challenging winters, retailers are cautious after enduring another late start to the season.

"We could have the mother of all winters from here to the finish line, which would be wonderful for everyone, but the reality is that this is the third winter that's deviating from the statistical norm of what winter is," said Jeff Crook, chief product officer for sporting goods for Mountain Equipment Co-op.

Besides weather, he said the winter retail season is experiencing a "revolution" amid economic uncertainty, new competitors and the growth of online sales.

Winter boots displayed at The Bay in Toronto, Ont. in November 2015. Following two challenging winters, retailers are cautious after enduring another late start to the season. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"We do think that there is a fundamental change in the game of winter sales in Canada," he added from Vancouver.

After "getting kicked in the teeth" over the last two seasons, Crook said MEC has curtailed purchases of discretionary fashion outerwear as it tries to preserve profits despite being forced to offer deep discounts.

A specialist on how weather affects North American businesses says that some retailers were gun shy about buying too much stock a year after enduring the warmest and driest November and December in more than 55 years.

After seeing sales of boots fall about 10 per cent last year, the president of Quebec-based chain Yellow Shoes has already seen a lift in sales of the product.

"For us it's been a much better year than it was last year," said Yellow Shoes president Douglas Avrith.

However, the entrepreneur warned the 100-year-old retailer will be offering fewer big markdowns after better controlling its inventory and purchasing more fashion boots rather than heavy felt-lined footwear.

Le Chateau says weather fluctuations aren't "a big deal" for the fashion business even though they affect sales of coats and boots.

The growth of online sales is diminishing the impact of extreme weather by allowing shoppers to buy even if snow and cold keeps them away from stores, said Franco Rocchi, senior vice president of sales and operations.

Ski-Doo maker Bombardier Recreational Products says its retail dealers are relieved that snow is allowing enthusiasts to hit the trails.

"I think it's too early to celebrate but they're in a good mood," CEO Jose Boisjoli said in an interview.

Without cold and snow, customers tend to delay purchases and even skip a year to upgrade their rides, Boisjoli said.

"When you have snow at this time in December it's like waking up the customer."

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ENERGY

PM reaches carbon deal with majority of provinces

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced Friday that his government and the majority of Canada's provinces had come to an agreement on a national carbon pricing plan.

Trudeau has been working on a national carbon pricing plan for months amid worries about the U.S. heading in the opposite direction and how that could put Canadian companies at an economic disadvantage. Earlier, outgoing U.S. Vice-President Joe Biden urged Canadian leaders to continue to treat efforts to combat climate change urgently despite the incoming administration of Donald Trump.

BY THE NUMBERS NATIONAL PRICING PLAN

$50	2022	$30
Prime Minister Trudeau hopes to impose a $50/ton national carbon tax.	The imposed carbon tax would come into effect by 2022.	As a compromise, B.C. would cap at $30 in 2020 pending an expert review.

Trudeau called the framework agreement on a carbon tax historic. But Canada's 10 provincial leaders are not unanimous in agreeing to Trudeau's carbon tax.

Saskatchewan Premier Brad Wall has refused to agree to the tax; Manitoba's premier said he hasn't signed on yet because it wants more money for health care; and British Columbia Premier Christy Clark balked at first before reaching a compromise.

"The new Trump administration, most assuredly, will not be implementing a carbon tax," Wall said.

Biden told Trudeau and the premiers that whatever uncertainty exists surrounding Trump's policies, he is confident America will continue on towards a low-carbon future.

"I understand that many of you are concerned about what the new administration will do," Biden said. "Whatever uncertainty exists around the near-term policy choices of the next president, I am absolutely confident the United States will continue making progress."

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KEYSTONE XL

Pipeline news on the way: Trump

Donald Trump has suggested he'll move quickly on Keystone XL after taking office, with the incoming president expected to reverse his predecessor's ban on the Alberta-to-Texas oil pipeline.

The president-elect made the comments in a lengthy interview with Fox News on Sunday.

It was just one remark on a news-filled weekend replete with stories about election-tampering from Russia, potential major changes to U.S. policy on China, fights over cabinet picks and the U.S. Congress passing a law that could reduce congestion at the Canada-U.S. border.

Trump brought up the pipeline himself during the interview with Fox News, while being pressed on whether his fossil-fuel-friendly administration would remain in the Paris climate agreement.

Trump said he would make a decision soon on Paris — then raised the pipeline.

"The Keystone pipeline, you're going to have a decision fairly quickly," Trump said.

"And you'll see that."

It's little surprise that Trump would favour the project — it was part of his platform. He's also reportedly considering naming Rex Tillerson, CEO of Exxon Mobil, as his secretary of state. The move would put him in charge of the file.

But that's not the main reason his rumoured appointment drew so much controversy over the weekend. The source of that consternation was Tillerson's years-long personal relationship with Russian leader Vladimir Putin.

Marco Rubio suggested the Senate might resist the appointment: "Being a 'friend of Vladimir' is not an attribute I am hoping for from a #SecretaryOfState," tweeted the senator.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

How does one account for income disparity among groups of friends?

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Dear Ellen,

How do I politely tell my friends I can't afford to hang out with them? At university, it wasn't a problem, but now I feel like they must have family money I never knew about or they're earning a ton more than me. But somehow they can afford expensive dinners out, and now they all want to go to Cuba for a long weekend. I just don't have that kind of money. How do I beg off without appearing rude or uninterested in my old gang?

MM

Dear Ellen,

Every time I go for lunch with my gal pals, there's a problem with the bill. There's always one person who insists we pay separately, and then calculates what everyone had down to the last penny. I say we should just take turns picking up the whole tab. Who's right?

SC

Dear MM and SC,

It's funny how people these days will reveal every gory detail of their physical health, relationship issues and sex lives while personal finances remain strictly off limits.

I've been in MM's position — shocked at how rich some of my friends seemed compared to me. And horribly self-conscious about my own lack of funds (and expensive clothes, car, home, etc.). Then, one day, while they were urging me to come along to their next hiking trip in Europe, I suddenly found myself telling the truth instead of lying about work obligations: "That sounds like fun, but I can't afford it."

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The world didn't end. They didn't seem to think less of me. The reaction was basically, "Oh, that sucks," and the conversation carried on. In subsequent gatherings, I detected a politeness on their part in not talking too much about the European expedition in case I felt excluded. But neither did they make their trip a secret, which would have made me feel even more excluded. In short, they behaved with perfect manners, were sensitive to my situation, and ultimately treated the whole issue the way it should be treated between friends — as not a big deal.

With SC's restaurant-bill problem, I wonder if it's another case of economic disparity. The nitpicker who insists on forensic accounting at the end of the meal may have carefully ordered only a salad because she's on a budget and can't afford to split a bill that includes everyone else's sea bass and champagne. Or maybe she really is a cheapskate with deep-seated neuroses about how money represents the love she never received as a child.

Either way, you as her friend should swallow your irritation and go along with it. And if you do insist on picking up the whole tab to avoid the nickel and diming, feel free. But remember it's your choice, and no one owes you anything next time you lunch with the ladies.

Need advice?
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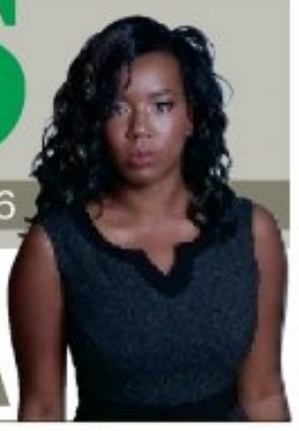

Viola Desmond's face is small comfort for the economically deprived

The decision to put Viola Desmond on the $10 bill is a landmark win for black people and communities of colour in Canada.

But there is no symbolic win powerful enough to justify how racism affected her life and robbed her of her many successes.

Despite being a businesswoman at the heart of Halifax's black entrepreneurial class, the trial against her ultimately broke her. She died in poverty.

It's in this way that racism robs families and communities for generations.

Racism is an economic interest that levies a fine on otherness and punishes those who will not accept the fine. Canada's government, lawmakers and leaders, have been the enforcers and beneficiaries.

Viola Desmond experienced this viscerally when she was arrested, jailed and fined for refusing to sit in the Rose Theatre's balcony, which was designated for its black patrons. Her failure, by way of the quotidian act of buying a movie ticket, to acknowledge the racial hierarchy required swift punishment.

Through the police and in the courts, the force of the state was brought in judgment of her blackness. She was fined $26 for "defrauding" the province of its one-cent amusement tax. Six of those dollars were given to the theatre manager. The oppressor was given a bounty for enforcing white supremacy. Inequality of choice was thus compounded.

Some say Desmond's place on the $10 bill is, at worst, a revision of history, and, at best, an attempt to sweep the uglier parts of our history aside. It's a specious argument that suggests history is being taught via the medium of our plastic currency. (The symbols on our currency currently include an icebreaker, which replaced the Famous Five, who I would argue were far more groundbreaking than a boat.)

When it comes to money, the ongoing legacy of racism is to deprive communities of colour. According to research by economist Krishna Pendakur, a visible minority man born in Canada earns about 18 per cent less than his Canadian-born white male counterpart. Indigenous Canadians live in a poverty so vast and crushing that it has been called a human-rights crisis.

A 2011 report on Canada's Colour Coded Labour Market found that poverty rates are three times higher for racialized families. That report also highlights that in 2006, the year of the last longform census, racialized Canadians were earning 81.4 cents to every dollar that non-racialized Canadians made.

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Knock their socks off

Holiday Ideas

There's a meme of the Grinch as a kid frowning after getting socks for Christmas. That same Grinch as an adult is all smiles when he gets another set. It was likely a pair of Merino wool socks that changed his mind — a cultish following has developed for the super-soft footwear among normcore and athleisure devotees in recent years. Be warned: Merino wool socks that look cool while keeping your feet warm usually cost between $25-35 per pair. Here are a few of our top picks. **MELISSA DUNNE/FOR METRO**

1 Wigwam

Wigam Mills, Inc. is a family-run business that's been making socks since 1905 in Wisconsin. The 'Miley' sock is made of merino wool, stretch nylon, and spandex. This striped pair won't sing you bouncy songs á la its namesake, Miley Cyrus, but they will keep your tootsies looking sassy.
$18 (U.S.); wigwam.com.

2 Icebreakers

Many of New Zealand's Merino wool products end up being sent to us shivering Canadians this time of year. Icebreaker socks are among those products. These pretty pink socks, made of Merino wool, nylon, and lycra, will keep your toes warm while ensuring that you look hawt.
$34.99; icebreaker.com

3 Darn Tough

This is the perfect pair of socks for the patriot in your life. The O Canada sock is made of Merino wool, lycra, and nylon. Darn Tough has been making its socks in Vermont for almost four decades. This pair will serve any Canadian darn well, whether during a game of shinny, or at the pub after the game.
$33; sportinglife.ca

4 Smartwool

Smartwool was started by two ski instructors in 1999. Since then, its socks have developed a devoted fan base. These smart, snowflake-adorned socks, made of a mix of Merino wool, nylon, and elastane, actually keep feet warm. Whether hitting the slopes, the sidewalk, or the subway, these socks are the gift that keeps on giving all winter long.
$29.99; sportchek.ca

5 L.L. Bean

The receiver of these L.L. Bean socks will surely be head over heels for them. The socks are made in Maine specifically for skiing and snowboarding. This pair features a mix of Primaloft acrylic, Merino wool, nylon, polyester, and spandex, and they also come with the classic clothier's famous lifetime guarantee.
$24.95 (U.S.); llbean.com

SAVING

Winter booze — on a budget

For many, nothing rings in the festive season like a smooth single-malt whisky or a warming glass of your favourite red wine enjoyed in the company of good friends.

To keep your budget within reason, Adam McDowell, author of Drinks: A User's Guide recommends embracing the spirit of Scrooge when it comes to sleuthing out a great bargain.

"I'm the last person to say you need to spend a lot of money to get delicious wine, and if you're hosting you maybe want to be a little bit of a cheapskate," he says.

Craft beer is another affordable option in which there's a diverse range of seasonal products, adds Crystal Luxmore, a certified beer sommelier. Here's some tips for buying in moderation.

ISTOCK

Best wines under $15

If you're stocking up for a celebration, McDowell counsels steering clear of high-end wines.

"It's not like your friends are going to be able to appreciate the good stuff later into the night," he says. "So a party is a good occasion to find that $10 or $15 gem and get a whole bunch of that."

His favourite inexpensive go-tos come from Mediterranean countries like France, Greece and Italy. When it comes to reds some of McDowell's favourites are Gamay Noirs from France or virtually anything from Spain.

As for whites, he's a big fan of products that come from the Douro region of Portugal.

Not your average beer run

For those who don't consider beer a particularly festive drink, Luxmore says there's a number of specialty brews available called "winter warmers" that might change your mind. Think spiced or fruity ales with Christmas flavours, she says.

For such specialty beers expect to pay up to $10 or $15 for a 500 ml or 750 ml bottle.

Buying the bottom shelf

If you're planning a party the same rules apply to spirits as they do with wine, says McDowell. In other words, "don't spend more than you have to."

Whether you're buying vodka, bourbon or scotch, he says, "almost anything you can grab for $25 is great stuff for mix."

Generally, he adds, any brand of gin or Canadian whisky will be of high quality regardless of the sticker price. When it comes to those types of spirits, he says, "the only thing we have in Canada are premium brands."

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Opening up to a wide yoga yawn

THE MOVES

Learning to yawn better can help with breathing

YuMee Chung
Torstar News Service

To maximize your yawn, like the lion in Frankfurt zoo (top), stand with relaxed posture and unburden your shoulders (above).
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE/MARCUS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Long before you took your first yoga class, your body already knew something about coordinating breath and movement, thanks to the mechanism of yawning. We humans start practising this nascent form of yoga in utero, yet we are taught from an early age to suppress our yawns for fear of causing offence.

We explored the simple pleasures of yawning inside the Single Breath exhibit at the Ontario Science Centre's AstraZeneca Human Edge.

Try Full Body Yawns to ventilate your lungs, stretch your body, and restore balance to the autonomic nervous system.

1. Stand with relaxed posture — unlatch the belly, mellow out the pelvic floor, and unburden your shoulders.
2. Hang the lower jaw open and allow the breath to flow in and out through your mouth.
3. Pretend you've been cast as the lead yawner in a movie and fake a few really big yawns: try curling your hands into fists, shrugging the shoulders, and tightening up all your muscles as you take a few staccato inhales through the mouth, then splay your fingers as you reach your arms out in any and all directions.
4. Have fun with the sounds of yawning whether they are high and squeaky or low and guttural. Let the sounds surprise and delight you.
5. Give yourself permission to yawn for five minutes without covering your mouth or feeling the least bit apologetic.
6. It is perfectly normal for your eyes and nose to get moist. Blow your nose as often as you need to.

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LIVING, BREATHING MYSTERY: WHY WE YAWN

Modern science is still working to unravel the mystery behind the yawn. Here's what we do know:

- All vertebrates yawn. Fetuses yawn as many as six times an hour in their second and third trimesters.
- Yawns are contagious. Dogs will yawn with their human companions but psychopaths appear to lack the empathy to catch yawns from others.
- The body movements that accompany yawns are called pandiculations. Pandiculations are different from stretching in that they involve a voluntary muscular contraction followed by a slow lengthening and complete relaxation. Animals yawn and pandiculate a number of times upon waking.
- Yawning causes our eyes to water and noses to run. Think of yawning as nature's eye drops and neti pot.

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There is a fair way to split the bills

Rather than a 50/50 split, divvying up the proportionate shares of bills is fairer for both members of a couple, leaving money in each pocket for individual goals. ISTOCK

ADVICE

Higher income earner should shell out more for expenses

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

Whether you're planning to live with a mate or officially tie the knot, it's a good idea to have a chat about how you'll manage your incomes as a couple.

While many people just split everything 50/50, I believe a proportionate splitting of joint expenses is fairer.

Let's take the example of Chris and Alex. Alex makes $65,000 a year, and Chris makes $40,000 a year.

Splitting the bills 50/50 would mean that Chris ends up spending disproportionately more income on joint expenses, leaving little or nothing for individual goals such as savings or travel.

That's why a proportionate split is far fairer; it leaves money in each pocket for savings, managing individual expenses and having a life.

Use net numbers for this calculation. Since a higher income earner will pay more in taxes, using gross numbers isn't fair. So start with how much you each bring home a month — the money that actually goes into the bank account. So that $65,000 gross turns into $52,000 after taxes, or $4,333 per month, and that $40,000 gross turns into $34,000 after taxes, or $2,833 per month.

The first step is to add your net incomes together. Then divide each individual income by this figure and multiply by 100.

When Alex and Chris add their monthly incomes together they get $4,333 + $2,833 = $7,166.

Time to divide Chris's income by that $7,166 and then multiply by 100 to get a percentage: $2,833 ÷ 7,166 x 100 = 39.53 per cent, which will round nicely to 40 per cent. Which means that Alex will pay 60 per cent of the expenses.

Since Alex and Chris are paying $2,700 a month in rent, they would each contribute the following to their joint account to cover their rent costs:

Alex: $2,700 x 60 per cent = $1,620, or 37 per cent of net income.

It's important that partners also talk about what they'll do if there's a change in circumstances.

Chris: $2,700 x 40 per cent = $1,080, or 38 per cent of net income.

See how nicely that works out?

This, of course, only applies to the bills you agree to split. If you've run up a whole bunch of debt that your mate doesn't want to have anything to do with, then you're on your own. The same goes for individual expenses. If Alex chooses to drive a fancy car that costs $600 a month and Chris chooses a car that costs $200 a month, they would each pay their own car costs.

It is important that partners also talk about what they'll do if there's a change in circumstances that affects the budget.

One of you may be out of work temporarily. How will you even up after? And if you decide to have a family and one of you stays home, even in the short term, how will you manage the bills and ensure the non-working partner has some money of their own?

These discussions may feel hard; people find it difficult to talk about money. But not talking will leave you both in the dark, a place where resentment thrives.

So communicate, don't disintegrate.

For more money advice, visit Gail's website at gailvazoxlade.com

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Calgary's Ted-Jan Bloemen won long-track speedskating bronze in the 10,000-metre ISU World Cup race in the Netherlands Sunday

NFL

Murray the difference as Titans edge Denver

DeMarco Murray ran for 92 yards and a touchdown, and the Tennessee Titans held on to beat the Denver Broncos 13-10 Sunday and keep a piece of first place in the AFC South.

With the win, the Titans (7-6) also climbed above .500 for the first time all season. The Titans came in with the NFL's third-best rushing offence and the AFC's top runner in Murray, and they ran right over a Denver defence that came in 28th in that category. By halftime, the Titans ran 26 times for 138 yards — the second-most rushes by any team in the first half this season.

Tennessee then had to hold on as Trevor Siemian tried to rally Denver (8-5) after a sprained left foot that kept him out last week. He threw a 3-yard TD pass to Emmanuel Sanders with 9:58 left and drove the Broncos to first-and-goal at the Tennessee 7 before rookie Aaron Wallace sacked him. Coach Gary Kubiak settled for a 34-yard field goal by Brandon McManus on fourth-and-goal at the 16 with 4:28 left.

Siemian was driving the Broncos again when A.J. Derby fumbled after a catch. Safety Daimion Stafford recovered with 53 seconds left, and the Titans finished off their biggest win in years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNDAY in Nashville

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IN BRIEF

Jacobs beats Carruthers in National Grand Slam final

Hometown favourite Brad Jacobs picked up steals in the sixth and eighth ends to defeat Reid Carruthers 4-2 in the National Grand Slam of Curling men's final on Sunday.

Carruthers, looking for his second major victory in as many weeks after winning the Canada Cup, opened the scoring with one in the first end. Jacobs tied it with one in the third end, but Carruthers' Winnipeg rink went back on top with one in the fourth. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Costa keeps Chelsea top

Fiery striker Diego Costa used his aggression in the right way to keep Chelsea top of the English Premier League on Sunday.

Costa muscled West Bromwich Albion defender Gareth McAuley off the ball before cutting inside and curling a shot into the top corner in the 76th minute to seal a 1-0 win for Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. Chelsea has won its last nine matches in the league — the team's best run since 2009 — to power to the top of the standings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vermette and Perry pair up to sink Sens

NHL

Ducks hit three powerplay goals to destroy ordinary Ottawa

Antoine Vermette and Corey Perry each had a goal and an assist and the Anaheim Ducks scored a season-high three power-play goals to beat the Ottawa Senators 5-1 on Sunday.

Joseph Cramarossa, Nick Ritchie and Sami Vatanen also scored, and John Gibson made 21 saves.

Ryan Dzingel scored for the Senators, who lost their second straight game in Southern California. Mike Condon made 10 saves before being removed for Andrew Hammond in the second period. Hammond stopped 16 shots.

Vermette set up Ritchie's goal with a beautiful backhand pass into the slot at 10:29 in the second period, giving the Ducks a 4-1 lead. Vermette also capitalized on the power play with 47 seconds left in the first period to make it 3-1.

Vatanen closed the scoring with a power-play goal off the crossbar at 7:59 in the third period.

Perry scored his first power-play goal of the season at 12:05 of the first to break a 1-1 tie. Perry has scored twice in the last three games after going 18 games without a goal.

Dzingel scored at 7:53 in the first when he finished off a feed from the corner boards by former Duck Bobby Ryan, momentarily tying the game at 1-1.

Cramarossa scored on a rebound, 2:58 into play, to open the scoring. The Senators gave up three power-play goals for the third time this season, including Saturday night in a 4-1 loss to the Los Angeles Kings.

Ottawa goalie Craig Anderson remained away from the team for the third straight game on personal leave with his wife as she undergoes cancer treatments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Anaheim Ducks goalie John Gibson gloves the puck as Ottawa Senators centre Ryan Dzingel, and Ducks defenceman Cam Fowler watch during the first period.

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SUNDAY in Anaheim

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Creamy Pea Tagliatelle

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This is our new favourite dish for three important reasons: 1) It's simple 2) It has an impossibly creamy sauce and you basically do nothing to achieve it 3) outside of toast, it's so fast.

Ready in 20 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 500 g tagliatelle pasta
- 2 cups frozen peas
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 cup creme fraiche
- 3 tsp chopped chives or flat-leaf parsley

Directions

1. Cook the tagliatelle according to package directions. In the last minute of the pasta cooking process, drop the peas into the water. Drain both the pasta and peas.

2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, heat the oil and saute the onion and garlic for 5 minutes until fragrant. Stir in the creme fraiche. Add the pasta and peas, folding them with tongs to coat the pasta with the sauce. Sprinkle with chopped chives or flat-leaf parsley and serve.

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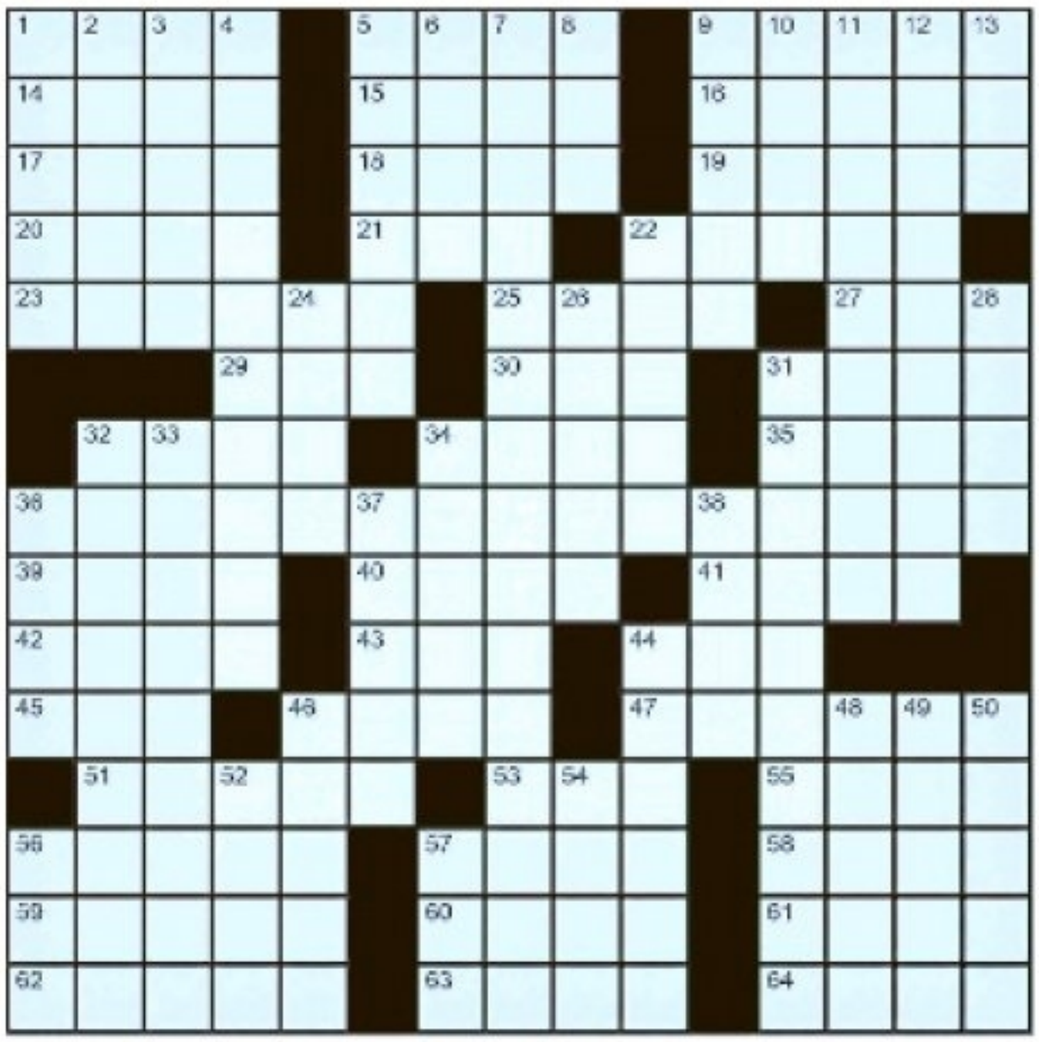
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. __ Mountain (Year-round recreation destination in Ontario)
5. Unfreeze
9. Big blooper
14. Santa __, __ (Capital and its American state, briefly)
15. Courtney Love band
16. Patrons' provisions-picking props
17. Princess in "Star Wars" (1977)
18. Lasso
19. Bonus
20. ___ (Play's opening)
21. 'Pepper' ending (Pizza topping)
22. Ancient language
23. Police officer's interest: 2 wds.
25. At hand
27. Pose for a painting
29. __ Vegas
30. Earth invaders, commonly
31. Canadian actor Mr. Rogen
32. Hideaway
34. "Who Is Harry Kellerman and Why __ __ Saying Those Terrible Things About Me?" (1971)
35. Verifiable
36. Home in downtown Toronto of The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada (Reserve regiment for which Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, is the Colonel-in-Chief): 3 wds.
39. Real Shannon
7. #1-Across in the Wintertime: 3 wds.
8. Diminutive
9. Makeup application mistake
10. "America's __ Top Model"
11. Disease immunizer
12. What a newly-moved-into home often needs
13. "Invasion ___" (1985) starring Chuck Norris
22. __ printer
24. 50+ org. in The States
26. Mr. Hawke
28. "Or so __ say." (Apparently)
31. Plots
32. Telephone ringy-dingy that's not long distance: 2 wds.
33. Hair dye shade: 2 wds.
34. Jennifer __ (Canadian actress of ABC sitcom "The Goldbergs")
36. __-mucil (Fiber supplement brand)
37. "Garfield: __ of Two Kitties" (2006)
38. Famous painting, with Lisa
44. About [abbr.]
46. Pair of pants part
48. Overhead
49. Dogma
50. Strain
52. Fury
54. Like sludge that's leaking out
56. Kilos alternatives
57. __ and don'ts
40. Identical
41. Elm: French
42. Bills in restaurants
43. __ pollution
44. "Is there __ left?"
45. __ clear
46. Sommelier's serving
47. Epicurean's refined asset
51. Particular pink
53. Drench
55. Wild goat
56. Hawaiian veranda
57. Gateway
58. __ the wiser
59. Skyline structures, shortly
60. Rice-shaped pasta
61. Best __ (Greatest)
62. Rain/snow mix
63. "Renegade" rockers
64. Paving stone

DOWN
1. A Sharp's other name: letter + wd.
2. Bloodsucker
3. Amalgamate
4. Web marketer's address groupings: 2 wds.
5. Sofa blankets
6. Blind Melon singer

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful, because this is an accident-prone day due to the tension building up before tomorrow's Full Moon. Think twice before you speak or act.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your focus is on money, cash flow and earnings, as well as major purchases today. You might do some shopping therapy because of tension before tomorrow's Full Moon. Caution.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Today the Moon is in your sign, and you feel the buildup before tomorrow's Full Moon in your sign. This means you have to be patient with partners and close friends.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Don't set high standards for yourself that are too tough to achieve. Go easy on yourself, because tomorrow is the Full Moon. You have enough to deal with.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might feel a buildup of tension with a close friend, especially a female acquaintance. Or this could happen between you and a member of a group. Just be patient and diplomatic.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You feel the pressure of trying to keep everyone happy at home and at work building up within you. Of course, this is impossible. (However, you can't ignore home and family.)

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a mildly accident-prone day because of the energy building up before tomorrow's Full Moon. Don't rush things. Do not be hasty. Stay mellow.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Disagreements about shared property, inheritances and such might arise now. If so, they will be settled about three days from now.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Tomorrow, the only Full Moon opposite your sign all year will take place. This is why you feel tension with others today as this energy builds up.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Difficulties with co-workers might arise today, because everyone feels the energy of tomorrow's Full Moon building up within them.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Be patient with romantic partners today. Likewise, parents need to be patient with their kids. Everybody feels a buildup today before tomorrow's Full Moon.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Do not let the demands of family interfere too much with your job at this time, because your job is important. Tomorrow's Full Moon creates this tension.

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